(a) whether the Government have considered simplification and revamping of the Companies Act to ensure rapid economic growth in view of the liberalisation policy introduced recently by the Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter of deregulation, decentralisation and removal of controls from the Companies Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The general approach of the Government in making changes in Company Law is to provide for investor protection, rationalisation and streamlining of the provisions of the Act and for better management of Companies. The Government is endeavonring to introduce a Bill as early as possible.

[English]

Exports to European Countries by Garment Industry

3870. SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:
SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the European Economic Commission has abolished the restrictions on the import of synthetic fabrics and garments from India;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, whether EEC has imposed quota restrictions for the import of synthetic textiles/fabrics/garments from India;

(d) if so, the quota fixed in each case by EEC for import from India;

(e) the states from where the synthetic fabrics has been exported to EEC;

(f) the quantum of fabrics likely to be exported from these States during the year 1992 and 1993, State-wise; and

(g) the distribution policy of quota to various dealers for export purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Under the provisions of the Indo–EEC Textiles Agreement, export of woven fabrics of synthetic fibre falling under category 3 has been brought under quota restriction since September '91. For 1992, a quantity of 19,552 tonnes has been fixed for export to EEC.

Nine garment categories are under quantitative restraint in EEC. There is a common quota for a particular garment category whether the garment is made out of cotton, wool or synthetic fibre. Hence no separate quota is fixed exclusively for garments made out of synthetic fibres.

(e) State-wise export figures are not maintained.

(f) During 1992, the quantitative ceiling of 19,552 tonnes for EEC is likely to be fully utilised. There is no finality as yet about 1993 quota level.

(g) Exports of synthetic fibre fabrics to EEC countries are governed by the provisions of the Textile Export Entitlement Distribution Policy. Exports of synthetic fibre garments to EEC are governed by the provisions of the Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy.

Rupee–Rouble Exchange Rate

3871. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rupee-rouble exchange rate has become highly unrealistic;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to rework rupee-rouble exchange rate;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). Two rounds of inter–Governmental official discussions have been held to discuss revision of the Rupee–Rouble exchange rate which is based on the November, 1978 Protocol. The discussions have been inconclusive so far.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Legal Aid Scheme

3872. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to States and the persons benefited under the free-legal-aid Scheme during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether this scheme has not been successful and poor people are facing problems in getting benefits under this scheme;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGA RAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The amount of grants-in-aid released by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes (CILAS) for implementation of various Legal Aid Programmes under the Legal Aid Scheme to the poor, year-wise and State-wise, during the financial years 1988–89, 1989–90 and 1990–91 is given in Statement–I laid on the Table of the House.

The State-wise information with regard to persons benefited during the calendar years 1989, 1990 and 1991 is indicated in Statement–II laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of the reply to part (b), the question does not arise.

(d) The Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes and State Legal Aid & Advice Boards are constantly reviewing and improving the system to ensure that the objective of giving legal–aid is best achieved.